



## Public Notice

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### Location

Graham County, Arizona

### Notice Text

#### Opportunity to comment on the Pinaleño FireScope Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

The Coronado National Forest, Safford Ranger District, is seeking comments on a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Pinaleño FireScope project (PFS). The PFS project proposes landscape restoration activities that focus on promoting resilient ecosystems; protecting life, property, and natural resources; and encouraging the natural wildland fire cycle to return to balance. The proposed project area is located in the 198,900-acre Pinaleño Ecosystem Management Area (EMA), in Graham County, AZ.

The draft EA and supporting documents are available online for public review at: [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=56958](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=56958). Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from George Garcia, District Ranger, at 928-428-4150.

The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan, not authorized under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) and is subject to the pre-decisional objection process (36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B).

#### How to Comment and Timeframe

Specific written comments (36 CFR 218.2) on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the **Eastern Arizona Courier**, the newspaper of record for the Safford Ranger District. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) about this project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Other requirements to be eligible to submit an objection are defined by CFR 218.25(a)(3) and include name, postal address, title of the project and signature or other verification of identity upon request and the identity of the individual or entity who authored the comments. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(4). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted. Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2).

Specific written comments, including attachments, may be submitted electronically using the Public Comment Form at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?Project=56958>. Written comments may also be submitted by fax (928-428-4150) or mail to:

U.S. Forest Service, Coronado National Forest  
Safford Ranger District  
Attn: George Garcia, District Ranger  
711 S 14th Avenue  
Safford, AZ 85546

Please state Pinaleño FireScope on the envelope when submitting comments by mail.

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